

SAMPLE MARKETING PLAN

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This is the marketing plan of _____

I. MARKET ANALYSIS

A. Target Market - Who are the customers?

1. We will be selling primarily to (check all that apply):

Market Segment		Total Percent of Business
a. Private sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	%
b. Wholesalers	<input type="checkbox"/>	%
c. Retailers	<input type="checkbox"/>	%
d. Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	%
e. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	%

2. We will be targeting customers by:

a. Product line

We will target specific lines _____

b. Geographic area? Which areas? _____

c. Sales? We will target sales of _____

d. Industry? Our target industry is _____

e. Other? _____

3. How much will our selected market spend on our type of product or service this coming year? \$_____

B. Business Competition

1. Who are our business competitors?

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Years in business _____

Market share _____

Price/Strategy _____

Product/Service
Features _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Years in business _____

Market share _____

Price/Strategy _____

Product/Service
Features _____

2. How competitive is the market?

High Competitive Market _____

Medium Competitive Market _____

Low Competitive Market _____

3. List below your strengths and weaknesses compared to your business competition (consider such areas as location, size of resources, reputation, services, personnel, etc.):

Strengths

Weaknesses

1. _____ 1. _____

2. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 4. _____

C. Market Environment

1. The following are some important economic factors that will affect our product (such as country growth, industry health, economic trends, taxes, rising energy prices, etc.):

2. The following are some important legal factors that will affect our market:

3. The following are some important government factors:

4. The following are other environmental factors that will affect our market, but over which we have no control:

II. PRODUCT OR SERVICE ANALYSIS

A. Description

1. Describe here what the product/service is and what it does:

B. Comparison

1. What advantages does our product/service have over those of the competition (consider such things as unique features, patents, expertise, special training, etc.)?

2. What disadvantages does it have?

C. Some Considerations

1. Where will you get your materials and supplies?

2. List other considerations:

III. MARKETING STRATEGIES - MARKET MIX

A. Image

1. First, what kind of image do we want to have (such as cheap but good, or exclusiveness, or customer-oriented, or highest quality, or convenience, or speed, or ...)?

B. Features

1. List the features we will emphasize:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

C. Pricing

1. We will be using the following pricing strategy:

a. Markup on cost _____ What % markup? _____

b. Suggested price _____

c. Competitive _____

d. Below competition _____

e. Premium price _____

f. Other _____

2. Are our prices in line with our image?

YES___ NO___

3. Do our prices cover costs and leave a margin of profit?

YES___ NO___

D. Customer Services

1. List the customer services we provide:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

2. These are our sales/credit terms:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

3. The competition offers the following services:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

E. Advertising/Promotion

1. These are the things we wish to say about the business:

2. We will use the following advertising/promotion sources:

- 1. Television _____
- 2. Radio _____
- 3. Direct mail _____
- 4. Personal contacts _____
- 5. Trade associations _____
- 6. Newspaper _____
- 7. Magazines _____
- 8. Yellow Pages _____
- 9. Billboard _____
- 10. Other _____

3. The following are the reasons why we consider the media we have chosen to be the most effective:
